

[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

(c) There are reasons for such lapses and they were not due to any one's fault.

(d) The budget grants lapsed in the Nagercoil Division in comparison with the other Divisions in 1104 and 1105 are as follows:—

	1104	1105
Nagercoil Division	3.72 per cent.	2.40 per cent.
Alwaye „	...	0.95 „
Kottayam „	...	0.13 „
Quilon „	2.77 „	...
Trivandrum „	6.93 „	...
Workshops and Stores Division	14.56 „	14.87 „
Water Works „	15.0 „	42.60 „
Electrical „	20.52 „	16.18 „

(e) Yes. Rs. 41,500 has been surrendered at the instance of the Government owing to financial stringency.

Dewan's attendance in the Huzur Office during 1105.

78. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days the Dewan was at the Capital in 1105; and

(b) the number of days he attended his office in the Hazur during 1105?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) 296 days.

(b) No record or register is kept to show the number of days the Dewan attended the office.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): With reference to part (b), may I know whether there is any diary for the Dewan from which it could be ascertained on which days he attended the Huzur Office?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): So far as I am aware, there is no such diary.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): I am asking whether the Government are aware whether there is any such diary.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No such diary is being kept in the office.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikkpalli*): May I know whether such a diary is being kept by the Dewan?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): My present question relates to my interpellation, and I think the member must be able to answer.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already stated I have no information.

PRESIDENT : No diary is being maintained.

Sinking of wells in Trikkunnappuzha pakuthi.

79. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any step has been taken for the sinking of certain wells in Trikkunnappuzha pakuthi, Kartikapalli taluk ; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the progress that has already been made for the execution of the work ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) An estimate has been sanctioned for sinking three wells in the coastal villages of Trikkunnappuzha. The proceedings for the acquisition of land for sinking the wells are in progress and the lands are being handed over to the P. W. D. A well has already been sunk at Edakad in Mangalam.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : With reference to part (b), may I know whether the Government mean spending the money, required for sinking of these wells, out of the lump allotment, with the Chief Engineer, for sinking wells in non-municipal areas ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*) : So, if the wells are to be finished during the year, the money required would be spent from the lump allotment for the purpose with the Chief Engineer.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer says that, if possible, the wells would be sunk within the next year.

Duties of the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

80. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the functions of the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Mahomedan Inspector of Schools has to attend to duties of the following nature :—

- (1) Inspection of Koran teaching in the Primary Schools.
- (2) Inspection of Arabic teaching in Vernacular Middle Schools and English Schools ;
- (3) The opening of Mahomedan Schools for Girls and English Schools for Mahomedans, wherever necessary ;
- (4) Conducting the Arabic Examination at the end of each year for the Middle School classes ;
- (5) Disposal of smaller details, such as determining the qualifications of Arabic Munshies, etc., in consultation with Moulvis ;
- (6) Making suggestion of measures for the improvement of Mahomedan education in the State.